

REMARKS

This response is intended as a full and complete response to the non-final Office Action mailed June 16, 2005.

Claims 1-16 and 20-22 are pending. Claims 17-19 are cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. It is to be understood that Applicants, by canceling the claims, do not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to Applicants' subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, Applicants are not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the art of record to the pending claims.

The Office Action rejected claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated U.S. Patent No. 5,377,051 to by Lane et al. ("Lane"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, because claims 17-19 are cancelled.

The Office Action indicated claims 1-16 and 20-22 contained allowable subject matter. Applicants believe that the record of the prosecution as a whole, including Applicants' specification and claims, provides additional reasons for allowance. The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance do not necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why the claims are allowed and, therefore, should not be used to interpret the scope of the claims in place of the record of the prosecution as a whole.


CONCLUSION

Thus, Applicants submit that all the claims are allowable. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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